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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1. deleted matter is shown by strikethrough for six or more characters and double brackets for five or less characters; and 2. added matter is shown by underlining.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the management of a decoder that is connected to a television set and receives a message for display, identified by an address, from a remote data source, the method comprising the steps of:

storing a database in a back-up memory of the decoder from a collection of messages received from the remote data source;

automatically updating the database by an updating program;

storing, in the decoder and from a use of the database, a statistical information table including a statistical information element comprising at least one statistical parameter, an address of the message in the back-up memory, and a programming date on which the message is to be updated; ~~in the decoder;~~ and

managing, by the updating program, the capacity of the back-up memory for receiving a new message for display using the statistical information table.

2. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein

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during a request for connection to a desired address of a message for display, the message for display associated with the desired address is first verified as being present in the database and, if present, the message is taken from the database, and

if the message is not present, a set of contents of the message for display, located at the desired address, is taken from the remote data source.

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein

the remote data source is accessed by at least one network selected from the group consisting of a cable network, a satellite network, and an internet network.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein

the remote data source is accessed regularly to obtain an updated set of contents, associated with a message for display, of the database.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein

the statistical parameter used is an identifier of the message for display, the identifier being a piece of information by which the message for display can be characterized, and the piece of information comprising an address or a word.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein

a statistical information element comprises a statistical parameter pertaining to a frequency of use of the message for display,

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and wherein

when a message for display cannot be saved in the back-up memory, a message for display present in the database is eliminated, starting with a least used message.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein  
the decoder is associated with a server of an operator,  
a set of contents pertaining to the statistical information table is sent to the server, and  
a message for display, selected according to a profile set up on the basis of the table, is  
received from the server.
8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein  
the back-up memory is placed in the decoder.
9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein  
when a use of the decoder allows, the database is updated.